

CITY COUNCIL - ELIZABETH, N. J.

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

7:30 P. M.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 3, 2022, from His Honor the Mayor, please be advised that subject to your advice and consent I am making the following appointments for a term of one-year effective January 1, 2022 with regards to the following: Chief Municipal Prosecutor: Norma M. Murgado, Esq.; Assistant Municipal Prosecutors: Ashton E. Thomas, Esq., Patricia A. Mack, Esq., Annette Quijano, Esq.; Temporary Municipal Prosecutors: Robert Carroll, Esq., Suzette Cavadas, Esq., William T. Donegan, Esq., Kevin D. Harris, Esq., Anabela Dacruz-Melo, Esq., Christopher Howard, Esq., Jose Rivera-Benitez, Esq., Connie Bentley McGhee, Esq., Shlomo Himmel, Esq., Temporary Municipal Prosecutors: Daniel A. Seratelli, Esq., Cheryl Craft, Esq., Moshood Muftau, Esq., Ileana J. Montes Guadagnino, Esq. and Courtney Durham, Esq.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 28, 2021, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to execute an agreement with the Emergency Medical Service Division Supervisors Association, FMBA Local 309 for a four-year (4) contract from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025; employees covered under this agreement shall receive a two percent (2%) increase in their respective salary ranges for July 1, 2021, and two and one quarter percent (2.25%) for July 1, 2022 through July 1, 2024; details are attached.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 29, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, NJ for the purchase of two (2) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV 4WD vehicles as replacements to the Fire Department fleet at the cost of \$45,786.65 each for a grand total of \$91,573.30.
Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 29, 2021, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to execute and issue a Hold Harmless Agreement and Certificate of Insurance for the Elizabeth Police Department ESU and Rifle Team Training to the proper officials at the firearm ranges located at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix - Lakehurst, Fort Dix, NJ effective from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 29, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding respective contracts to the following vendors to purchase furniture for the Law Department: Exempilis c/o BFI, 6415 Katella Avenue, Suite 200, Cypress, CA for chairs at a cost of \$5,616.21; Herman Miller c/o BFI, 10 Lanidex Center West, Parsippany, NJ for framework and cubicles at a cost of \$5,129.70 and National Office Furniture, Dealer of Record: BFI, 1610 Royal Street, Jasper, IN for desks at a cost of \$25,498.81 for a grand total of \$36,244.72. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 30, 2021, from the Business Administrator request authorization for the proper City officials to renew the insurance policy with Fidelity & Deposit Company & Maryland, through agent-of-record Hughes Plumer Associates, for the renewal of the policy of insurance covering the Fidelity Blanket Bond for Public Employees dishonesty for the period January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023 at an annual premium of \$3,704.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 30, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Trinitas Physicians Practice LLC/CARE EAP Program, 225 Williamson Street, Elizabeth, NJ for the implementation of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and Alcohol Education Program for the period commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 30, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommending awarding a contract to Skyline Environmental Inc., 740 Highway 34, Suite 3, Old Bridge Township, Matawan, NJ to provide professional services in connection with the Health and Safety Compliance Programs for the Year 2022 for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 30, 2021, from the Business Administrator recommends waiving the Residency Requirement for the City's Public Health Dentist pursuant to the Code of the City of Elizabeth, Chapter 2.104.030 entitled: Residence in City Required – Exception and Section 2.104.060 (C). entitled Exceptions Authorized due to extenuating circumstances for family care for the following City Employee Maylin Lambert, 701 Dennis Place, Linden, NJ who has been the City's Public Health Dentist since 2019 and her specialized talents greatly benefit the health and well-being of the residents of the City of Elizabeth. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated January 4, 2022, from the Chief Financial Officer advising that additional grants may be appropriated in the 2022 SFY Budget by budget amendments (Chapter 159). Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Letter dated December 20, 2021, from the Police Director request to establish handicapped parking spaces in front of the following premises: 746 Grier Avenue (personalized); 1017 Emma Street (personalized); 402 Rosehill Place (personalized); 139 Catherine Street (personalized); 67 Clover Street (personalized); 410 Livingston Street (personalized); 411 Franklin Street (personalized); 402 First Avenue (personalized); 581 Monroe Avenue (personalized); 212 Christine Street (personalized); 141 Jaques Street deletions: 240 Clark Place, 21 DeHart Place, 652 Court Street; 155 Franklin Street; 211 Florida Street; 1037 Richford Terrace; 153 Jaques Street; 67 Clover Street. Which was received.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. (Cont'd)

By the Clerk:

Memo dated December 27, 2021, from the Police Director request to amend Chapter 10.08.020 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled Stop Intersection Designated, specifically to establish a multi-way stop at the intersection of Bond Street and Henry Street. Which was received.

By the Clerk:

Memo dated December 27, 2021, from the Police Director request to amend Chapter 10.40.070 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth entitled No Parking of Trucks, portion affected, specifically to include Madison Avenue both sides between North Avenue and the City Line. Which was received.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

- ORD. NO. 5587 - An Ordinance to amend Section 10.08.020 of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "Stop Intersections Designated", specifically to add a multi-way stop intersection at Bond Street and Henry Street and install proper signage.
- ORD. NO. 5588 - An Ordinance to amend Section 10.40.070, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth, entitled "No Parking of Trucks - Portion Affected" specifically to add Madison Avenue, both sides, between North Avenue and the City Line.
- ORD. NO. 5589 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Jose Chevres, 746 Grier Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5590 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5277, adopted on December 10, 2019, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Gabriel Diaz, 211 Florida Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5591 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 5369, adopted on October 13, 2020, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Mabel Asconeguy, 1037 Richford Terrace, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5592 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 4872, adopted on June 27, 2017, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Salvador Quinones, 153 Jaques Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5593 - An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 4445, adopted on January 14, 2014, which authorized the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Barbara Colon, 67 Clover Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5594 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Magali Wong, 411 Franklin Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING (cont'd)

- ORD. NO. 5595 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Jairo Sarria, 402 First Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5596 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Saprina Alston, 410 Livingston Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5597 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Nizia Silva Mendes, 581 Monroe Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5599 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Susana Velasquez-Aguilar, 1017 Emma Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
- ORD. NO. 5600 - An Ordinance to authorize the establishment of a personalized handicapped parking space for Stefano Randazzo, 402 Rosehill Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 AT 7:30 P.M.

NONE.

ORDINANCES ON FINAL PASSAGE

NEW BUSINESS

- Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, Drive Sober or Get Pulled over, in the amount of \$5,500.00.
- Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Pedestrian Safety Grant 2022, in the amount of \$50,000.00.
- Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Legislative District – Electric Bus Project, in the amount of \$486,000.00.
- Authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to insert, as an item of Revenue, the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Body Armor 2022, in the amount of \$12,701.21.
- Authorize His Honor the Mayor to execute the collective bargaining agreement with the Emergency Medical Service Division Supervisors Association, FMBA Local 309, for a four-year contract from the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.
- Authorize the award of a contract to Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, N.J., for the purchase of two (2) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV 4WD as replacement vehicles for the Fire Department fleet through the Educational Services Commission of NJ Co-Op, at a cost of \$45,786.65 per vehicle, for a grand total of \$91,573.30.
- Authorize the proper City officials to execute and issue a Hold Harmless Agreement and Certificate of Insurance for the City of Elizabeth Police Department, Emergency Services Unit and Rifle Team firearm training at the firearm ranges located at the US Government, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Fort Dix, New Jersey, effective from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

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Authorize the proper City officials to renew the policy of insurance with Fidelity & Deposit Company & Maryland (a member of Zurich Financial Services Group) Zurich Towers, 1400 American Lane, Schaumburg, Illinois, through the agent-of-record Hughes Plumer Associates, covering the Fidelity Blanket Bond for public employee's dishonesty for the period January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023, at an annual premium of \$3,704.00.

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Grant a waiver of the residency requirement for the City's Public Health Dentist, Maylin Lambert, 701 Dennis Place, Linden, N.J., pursuant to Section 2.104.030 Residence in City Required -- Exception and Section 2.104.060 (C.) Exceptions Authorized, of the Code of the City of Elizabeth.

Rescind resolution adopted October 13, 2020, which established a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 411 Franklin Street. (now personalized)

Rescind resolution adopted September 11, 2012, which established a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 402 First Avenue. (now personalized)

Rescind resolution adopted February 14, 2017, which established a handicapped parking space in front of the premises located at 410 Livingston Street. (now personalized)

Delete the following handicapped parking spaces from in front of the premises located at: 240 Clark Place; 21 Dehart Place; 652 Court Street; 155 Franklin Street; 1017 Emma Street.

Pay Utility Bills

COMMENDATIONS:

MEMORIALS:

Patricia Frazier
Manuel Rodrigues
Curtis Eleazer
Donald Kozlowski
Constance Ross
Isidoro Alma
Pamela Rivera

ADJOURNMENT